

NASHVILLE ATTORNEY IS SLAIN BY OPPONENT

Harry S. Stokes Shot and Instantly Killed by Charles C. Trabue.

CAUSE NOT ASCERTAINED

Tragedy Is Outcome of Frequent Clashes in "Taxpayers' Suit," Involving Investigation of Management of City's Affairs.

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 26.—Harry S. Stokes, thirty-nine years old, chief counsel for the taxpayers in the "taxpayers' suit," involving the investigation into the management of the city's affairs, was shot and instantly killed in his private office at 1130 Second street this morning by Charles C. Trabue, forty-five years old, recently engaged as special counsel to represent the city in the litigation. Two shots took effect in the attorney's head. The shooting followed quickly after Trabue had entered the office of Stokes, passing in through the reception room, speaking to the stenographer, and into the private office. Only the two attorneys were in the private office when the tragedy occurred.

Mr. Trabue left the private office the way he entered. When asked for a statement later, he declined to make one.

TRABUE WAITS UNTIL POLICE COME FOR HIM

It was rumored this afternoon that an associate with Trabue in the "taxpayers' case" had said that Stokes made certain remarks about Trabue at the close of yesterday's hearing of that case, and that Trabue was near-by and overheard Stokes's remarks. The case adjourned yesterday till tomorrow.

Immediately after the shooting Mr. Trabue walked out of the office of Mr. Stokes. He was met by a man on the same floor of the office building, who had been attracted by the shots. "I have killed Harry Stokes," said the young attorney simply, and went on to the office of D. Weaver, and sat down to wait for the police to come. Mr. Trabue was taken in custody by Chief of Police Euseb.

An immense throng of people gathered about the building in which the tragedy occurred, the news spreading like wildfire and creating the greatest excitement. A squad of police were sent to the scene promptly to keep the throng of curious people from the building. The weapon which Mr. Trabue turned over to the police was a .32-caliber Colt automatic, from which three shots had been fired.

SLAYER IS RELEASED

ON BOND OF \$25,000 Trabue was released from arrest late today on \$25,000 bond. When arraigned before a justice of the peace he waived examination, and was bound over to the Criminal Court. Bond quickly was arranged, several prominent men whose wealth totals millions of dollars volunteering their services. Circumstances surrounding the killing had not been fully revealed to night. Trabue has refused to make any statement. Several attorneys and stenographers who were in adjoining offices say they heard no sound of a struggle.

MOB BENT ON LYNCHING

KANSAS ANXIOUS TO MUTE OUT Quick Justice to Man Alleged to Have Killed Small Girl.

TOPEKA, KANS., April 26.—Several automobile loads of men left here tonight for Lawrence, Kans., with the avowed intention of removing Fred Bissell, the man charged with murdering Edna Dinsmore, a nine-year-old girl, and lynching him.

PRISONER HUNTED AWAY

LAWRENCE, KANS., April 26.—Upon receipt of information that a mob formed at Topeka was on the way here with the intention of lynching Fred Bissell, Sheriff Kiene removed Bissell from the jail to-night and left Lawrence in a motor car, accompanied by a force of deputies. The destination of the sheriff with his prisoner was not known.

TO PRESS WEST END BRIDGE

Southside business associations are soon to hold a meeting to press the general petition for the construction of a West End bridge across the James River. A committee, consisting of W. H. Miller, T. S. Herbert, John B. Mordecai, John Revillion and H. V. Goode, has visited the various organizations on the Southside in the interest of the bridge, and other committees have been appointed to work in conjunction with the parent body.

MRS. ROGERS ACQUITTED OF MURDERING CHILDREN

Jury Decides That She Was Innocent When She Slew Little Son and Daughter.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Ida Sniffen Rogers, who poisoned her two children on December 19, 1914, was given her freedom in the Supreme Court here today after the jury had acquitted her of the murder of her two-year-old son, John. The verdict was "not guilty" on the ground of insanity. Upon motion of the district attorney's office, the court dismissed another indictment charging her with the murder of her daughter, Lorley, eight months old.

Mrs. Rogers collapsed when the verdict was announced. She quickly recovered, however, and left the courtroom with Lorley Elton Rogers, who is now her husband, and who was the father of her children.

"We are going away, somewhere where there are flowers," said Rogers. "We expect this result," Assistant District Attorney Martin, the prosecuting attorney, declared after Mrs. Rogers had been freed. "I think everybody feels that Mrs. Rogers has suffered enough by depriving herself of her children."

During the deliberations the jury returned to the courtroom and asked to have read to it a question asked Dr. Menas S. Gregory, an alienist for the prosecution, by counsel for Mrs. Rogers and his answer. Dr. Gregory was asked:

"Leaving all other questions aside, do you think that a woman who loved her children could murder them unless she was insane?"

To which Dr. Gregory replied: "I would regard it as a very suspicious circumstance."

On the first ballot the jury stood nine for acquittal, two for conviction and one undecided. Decision was reached on the third ballot.

JOHN A. PATTEN DIES IN CHICAGO HOSPITAL

Prominent Methodist Churchman Passes Away Shortly After Operation Made to Save His Life.

CHICAGO, April 26.—John A. Patten, president of the Chattanooga Medicine Company, died in a local hospital early today, after a short illness.

The cause of death was poisoning, due to the rupture of an ulcer in the intestines. He was taken ill on Tuesday, and was hurried to a hospital, where it was found that an ulcer had formed, and that an operation offered the only hope of saving his life. The operation was performed early this morning, and death occurred shortly afterwards.

Mr. Patten was here for the trial of libel suits which he and Z. C. Patten, Jr., owners of the medicine company, had brought against the American Medical Association for alleged libel in connection with articles published in the association's journal.

Mr. Patten was prominently associated with the Methodist Church, and had held many offices in the church and its subsidiaries. The publication of the articles in the medical journal caused wide comment, and he resigned his official connection in the church bodies. The article in question asserted that the medicine company was manufacturing and selling a nostrum containing a large percentage of alcohol, and that they were falsely claiming curative power for the medicine which it did not possess.

The possibility that the suit may be dropped because of the death of Mr. Patten, developed when the trial was adjourned until Tuesday, at the request of the plaintiffs. Attorneys for the Pattens said the question would be settled at that time.

The body was taken to Chattanooga for burial.

Mr. Patten leaves a widow, six children and two brothers, Z. C. Patten, Jr. and George Patten, of Chattanooga. He was born in Pelham, Ill., September 27, 1867. He took an active part in the civic progress of Chattanooga, promoting many enterprises. For years he served on the boards of directors of many educational enterprises, among them Goucher College, of Baltimore. Mr. Patten was a former president of the General Laymen's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and chairman of the Methodist Book Committee.

DIES IN AUTO

T. C. Foust, of Davidson County, N. C., Expires Suddenly While on Motor Trip.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SALISBURY, N. C., April 26.—While riding in an automobile, on route from his home in Davidson County, to Hickory, T. C. Foust, aged sixty years, dropped dead near Barber, Rowan County, at noon today. At the time of his death a son, C. T. Foust, was driving the car, and he, with several friends, brought the remains of his father to Salisbury in the machine.

After being prepared for burial, the body was shipped to Lexington. Mr. Foust was apparently in good health early today when he left home and when passing through Salisbury. His death was without a moment's warning.

COMMITTS SUICIDE

Mrs. W. F. Crenay, Wife of Newport News Physician, Ends Life With Gas.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 26.—Mrs. W. F. Crenay, wife of one of the most prominent physicians in Newport News, committed suicide this morning about 11 o'clock by taking gas. The body, found by her daughter, was lying outside on the floor of her husband's office with a gas tube in her mouth.

The coroner deemed an inquest unnecessary. Ill health was given as the probable cause for her taking her life. She was thirty-nine years old.



EVERYWHERE. Questions come and questions go. Some interest, others bore. But the one we find on every mind Just now is, "What's the score?"

Freed by Jury



MRS. IDA SNIFFEN ROGERS.

DISCUSS PAPER SHORTAGE

Newspaper Publishers, in Session at New York, Take Steps to Relieve Situation.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The shortage of white print paper and means for meeting the unprecedented situation were discussed today by newspaper publishers from all parts of the United States in attendance at the annual convention of the National Newspaper Publishers' Association. Because the demand for white paper is expected to be greatest, as usual, during the next thirty days, the publishers were urged to employ every method of saving, even to the cutting down of margins.

Reasons for the shortage of white paper were outlined in a report by Lincoln H. Palmer, manager of the Associated Press. He pointed out that the demand for print paper began to increase in the spring with the increase of circulation and the greater demand for advertising space. In addition, the European War had diverted from England and Scandinavia many South American publishers who were now seeking paper in the American market. Furthermore, the manufacture of higher grades of paper also had drawn heavily on the supply of materials for lower grades.

WILL INDORSE WILSON

North Carolina Democratic Convention Opens To-Day at Raleigh With Simmons as Chairman.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 26.—For the first time in its history, the Democratic State Convention, which meets here tomorrow with 1,000 delegates will have no State officers to nominate, as this will be done at the State primary on June 3, at which time there will also be a Presidential preferential primary.

The outlook to-night is that Senators Simmons and Overman, Governor Craig and General Julian S. Carr will be elected as the "big four" for St. Louis. The platform outlined will endorse President Wilson generally, and his foreign policy specifically. The keynote speech will be delivered by Senator Simmons, who will be temporary chairman.



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Test number one—How do you feel after smoking all day?

If the tobacco in the cigarette is of a direct proportion of mild grades—and if it is well blended as to age and if it has the qualities of each of the different types of tobacco, you will be able to smoke one cigarette without feeling any effect from it.

But with another cigarette to which the blend is less skillful, even though the tobacco is of the highest grade, you will find along with the smoke the taste of a "harsh" smoke too much.

Test number two—How do you feel after smoking all day?

If the tobacco in the cigarette is of a direct proportion of mild grades—and if it is well blended as to age and if it has the qualities of each of the different types of tobacco, you will be able to smoke one cigarette without feeling any effect from it.

GERMAN OPINION SPLIT OVER PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Press and Public Divided in Two Main Directions—For and Against Breach.

REVENTLOW COURTS BREAK

He and Adherents Assert They Would Welcome Severance of Relations With America—Theodor Wolff Leads Other Faction.

BERLIN, April 25 (via London, April 26).—Public opinion in Germany respecting the American note remains divided in two main directions.

One, represented by Count Ernest von Reventlow, the naval expert of the Tages Zeitung, and his adherents, which is small but vociferous and powerful, continues to assert it would welcome a breach with America with a feeling of relief.

The attitude of the other group is indicated by a remark of Theodor Wolff in this morning's Tageblatt that not they, but England and other enemies of Germany, would welcome a breach "with a feeling of relief."

What will come of the deliberations now progressing concerning the note cannot be known or indicated in advance, but it can be said that the attitude of responsible leaders is plainly that indicated by Mr. Wolff, and that whatever the decision may be, it will be reached with a full appreciation of what a rupture might mean.

Comment in the press displays neither optimism nor pessimism, but simply a full realization of the gravity of the crisis which must be met, and confidence that the leaders of the empire will be guided solely by the empire's interests.

MISTAKE TO ANSWER

WITH SHARP WORDS Mr. Wolff, editor-in-chief of the Tageblatt, again devotes an article to the support of the idea that a breach of relations between Germany and the United States must be avoided if possible upon any acceptable basis.

He criticizes President Wilson's accusation that submarines are sinking neutral ships in a preconsidered manner and in pursuance of methods laid down for them, but he declares it would be a mistake to answer sharp words with sharp words. He says:

"Most of us would consider it a great good fortune if it could be made possible to protect peaceable travelers, women and children from death in the waves, to insure the rights of neutrals against mistakes, and in every case to fulfill the commandments for the protection of humanity, which suffers so severely in war times."

"Stories published in the entente press that, following the sinking of the Lusitania and in similar cases, all Germany danced and rejoiced, are a tremendous mistake. Numerous Germans certainly were moved by entirely different sentiments."

"Although we are of the opinion that steamship passengers must themselves assume the danger they run, every possibility of uniting the tactics of submarine with the protection of peaceable lives and neutral property would be welcome to us. It would be welcome to us even if the President of

the United States had never sent his demand to Berlin.

IS STILL POSSIBLE

"If it should at the same time be made possible to hinder a war between Germany and America, this would seem to us a great gain. We do not share the conception that America's hostility would truly be divinely good fortune for us."

Mr. Wolff asserts that the American "yellow press" and certain German newspapers and politicians have disturbed the relations between the two countries, but that Washington must realize that sober discussion still is possible in Germany.

"Whether discussion will achieve tangible results cannot be foreseen," he adds. "The hope that remains cannot conceal the seriousness of the situation. A breach of German-American relations would be greeted by the advocates of an unrestrained use of force, with a real relief. In England and other hostile states, presumably, it would arouse a similar feeling."

Mr. Wolff recapitulates the history of the first days of the war, when secret diplomacy dictated the course of events, and points out that now, however, the situation is different, there is no reason for being rushed into any decision, and every one has his part to bear in the responsibility. Mr. Wolff declares that America's entrance into the war would lengthen it.

The Tagliche Rundschau, which is also in a feeling there is no chance of an understanding, says: "The prospects for an understanding are most scanty. President Wilson has decided upon a final blow against Germany, and can hardly be hindered from delivering it. We must reconcile ourselves to this fact."

DR. LEWIS CONVICTED

Colored Physician Found Guilty of Assisting in Insurance Frauds, Given Year in Penitentiary.

Dr. J. A. Lewis, colored, indicted on a charge of obtaining money by falsely representing that Emily Capps, who was insured in the Home Beneficial Society, was dead, was convicted yesterday by a jury in the Hustings Court, the verdict being one year in the penitentiary.

A motion to have the verdict set aside as being contrary to the law and evidence was continued for argument to May 13, and Dr. Lewis was bailed for his appearance in court at that time.

EXTRA DIVIDEND BY N. & W.

One Per Cent Added to Declaration of 13-4 Cents on Common Stock, Now on 7 Per Cent Basis.

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—The directors of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company today declared a dividend of 13-4 per cent on the common stock, placing the stock on a 7 per cent basis. The previous dividends were at the rate of 6 per cent. An extra dividend of 1 per cent was also declared.

EARNINGS ABOUT 15-1-2 PER CENT

ROANOKE, VA., April 26.—At its present rate of earnings, the Norfolk and Western bids fair to show, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, about 15-1-2 per cent on the \$113,863,400 common stock outstanding. This would compare with 8-7 per cent earned on \$108,156,000 common stock in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915.

In the eight months ended February 19, the road earned \$12,866,100 over fixed charges. In the final four months

of last year \$4,177,157 was earned. The February surplus over fixed charges was \$1,664,293, an increase of \$1,162,703 over February, 1915. The February gross revenue was \$4,558,415, an increase of \$1,649,294.

AVIATION STATION LIKELY TO BE PLACED NEAR NORFOLK

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., April 26.—The request of the Board of Supervisors of Norfolk County that the Navy Department grant permission to place an incinerator on the government reservation at Willoughby Spit has brought to light the fact that this tract may be used for an aviation station in the near future.

It is known that the various Federal government representatives here have been particularly interested in the development of this branch of the service, and consider that the territory around Hampton Roads offers an ideal location. The request of the county supervisors has not been acted upon, but if it be granted it will be for temporary use only.

GIRL SLAYS MOTHER

Fourteen-Year Old Sallie Bryson Held in Jail in North Carolina for Matricide.

GREENVILLE, S. C., April 26.—A special from Oconee County says Mrs. Robert Bryson is dead and her fourteen-year-old daughter, Sallie, is in jail at Sylva, Jackson County, N. C., accused of the killing. The story is that the mother whipped her daughter because the latter paid frequent visits to a girl friend's home, where she was wont to meet her sweetheart. Mrs. Bryson, it is alleged, was sitting at the kitchen door, when the daughter, unobserved, came in, rested a shotgun on the stove and fired. The mother was instantly killed.

The girl at first said the killing was accidental, but at the inquest is understood to have admitted, in effect, that

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